



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For : Vascular Suction Cannula, Dilator and Surgical Stapler
Applicant : Tallarida et al.
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AMENDMENT A

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed March 9, 2005. A petition for a one-month extension of time accompanies this response, along with Form PTO-2038 authorizing Credit Card payment of the one-month extension fee. Additionally, Applicant conditionally petitions for an additional extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for a further extension has inadvertently been overlooked. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2121 for any necessary additional extension fees.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin of page 9 of this paper.